



16th Special Operations Wing

Hurlburt Field, Fla.

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## Wing announces quarterly awards

by Staff Sgt. Andre Nicholson  
Public Affairs

Hurlburt Field honored the July through September quarterly award winners during two separate ceremonies held at The Soundside. Awards were presented to the enlisted recipients during a breakfast Oct. 31, and to the company grade officer and civilians at a luncheon Thursday.

The ceremonies, held each quarter, recognize outstanding accomplishments of base members. This quarter's award winners are as follows:

### Company Grade Officer

**Capt. Harry Seibert**, officer in charge of the 4th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, orchestrated the first ever AC-130U Gunship surge. With exceptional maintenance execution, the surge achieved 35 of 36 sorties in four days with a total of 153 hours.

### Civilian GS 9-12

**Julius Branch**, a program manager with Air Force Special Operations Command, managed six AFSOC Mobility Readiness Spares Package kits valued at more than \$180 million. His efforts kept MRSP fill rates at 92 percent and maintained highest MRSP Status of Resources and Training System readiness levels.

### Civilian GS 1-8

**Yvonne Mace**, a budget technician, 16th Security Forces Squadron, sourced more than \$600,000 in end of year funds to purchase needed equipment for the unit such as night vision goggles, body armor, surveillance cameras, encrypted radios and secure telephones. Ms. Mace closed out more than \$1 million in annual, unfunded fallout and home defense money and tripled the unit's annual budget.

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor

### Bumper cars

Senior Airman Dustin Hoppes, from the Pennsylvania National Guard, checks identification cards at the main gate Wednesday morning. Due to increased security measures, morning and afternoon traffic entering and leaving Hurlburt Field has become unusually congested. For information on how to help alleviate gate traffic jams, see Page 3.

## News

### No newspaper



Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the COM-MANDO won't be published Nov. 23. Please plan article and ad submissions accordingly.

## Feature

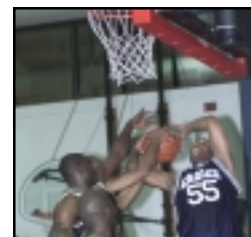


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## Open Line

The Commander's Open Line is your direct line to me for questions or suggestions about subjects of concern to the Hurlburt Field community. I really appreciate your feedback.

To receive a response, leave your name, unit and telephone number. Open lines of general interest will be printed in the **COMMANDO**.

I'll answer the others by letter or phone call. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to resolve a problem is to talk directly to the agency responsible. This gives them an opportunity to help you, and perhaps improve their process. However, if you're not satisfied with the answer you receive, feel free to give me a call at 884-OPEN (6736), or e-mail your concerns to [commando@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:commando@hurlburt.af.mil).



**Col. Lyle Koenig**  
Commander, 16th SOW

## Housing rules

**Comment:** My family and I live in base housing and will be permanently

changing station this month, so we've begun researching pre-final and final house inspection requirements. One issue struck me as being odd and unfair.

It seems that if the window blinds have even the smallest kink, the housing resident must pay for replacement blinds. Now, this wouldn't seem unreasonable if these blinds weren't going to be replaced with a different style of blinds, regardless of the condition of the existing blinds. Let's face it, PCS moves can put a serious draw on a family's bank account as it is. Why add to the cost of a move by making residents pay for a set of blinds that are going to be replaced anyway?

**Response:** Damages to quarters beyond reasonable wear and tear, is the occupant's responsibility and as you know, base housing residents do have to either repair or replace damaged blinds. In your situation however, the damaged blind will be replaced with the same style. If the style of blinds were to change, you wouldn't be charged for damages.

## New E-mail box for traffic, parking suggestions

by **Col. Raymond Killgore**  
16th Special Operations Wing vice commander

Since the attacks of Sept. 11 and the increase in the base force protection conditions, traffic at the gates and around base has been congested, and the loss of parking has been problematic.

I want you to know we have a plan in progress to improve our situation.

The right people are looking closely at the traffic and parking issues, and we've formed several working groups with people skilled in traffic management to resolve these issues.

The force protection cell has been actively involved because protecting our people and assets is chief among all issues. A traffic oversight committee is working on base access and traffic flow. They're working with the Florida Department of Transportation, Okaloosa-Walton Metropolitan Planning Organization, Eglin Air Force Base Community Planner and a number of base agencies here.

Additionally, we've created a parking and pedestrian circulation working group to specifically focus on our parking challenges inside the gates.

These three teams are brainstorming, developing plans and implementing approved actions to make base access easier and to make parking more available.

Initially, we took the most extreme measures to ensure we protect our assets. Then, we took a keen look at our facilities. We've developed a list of priorities, and we're conducting risk assessments and developing parking plans that meet prudent, adequate force protection guidelines.

We've received numerous Open Lines, e-mails and phone calls about the situation, many of which have included suggestions on how to improve the situation. Because of the overwhelming interest in the situation, we've opened an e-mail account where you can send any innovative suggestions directly to the working groups about the traffic and parking situation.

I appreciate the interest and the suggestions, so send e-mail to [16SOW.PWG@Hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:16SOW.PWG@Hurlburt.af.mil).

## Formula for a safe holiday road trip

by **Mike Junghann**  
16th Services Squadron Safety Manager

It's that time of the year when thoughts of family and home come foremost to mind.

This year however, it's just a little different. This year, spouses will travel alone or with children because husbands, or wives for that matter, are deployed overseas. Therefore, special cautions are advised.

First, make sure the family car is up to the task. There's nothing worse than being stranded on the highway with children and a dog in the car. Karen Pinkley, from the Skills Development Center, suggests visiting her Auto Craft Shop for a vehicle inspection. This is a free service provided by she and her staff.

Of course, private automotive shops will do this as well for a fee. In either case, you must realize there's no guarantee something won't break along the way. Always plan for the possible breakdown.

Let's take a look at the basics: Check under the hood. Are all fluids up to the proper level? Is there plenty of fresh antifreeze in the radiator, and is the water green, not brown?

How about the oil, brake, and power steering fluids? And don't forget to check that transmission oil. Twenty dollars or so at "Quicky Lube" will fix all that.

Get a bottle of winterized windshield wiper fluid. Always use proper fluids for the proper task. And check the fan belts for cracks or other signs of wear. Owner's Manuals (or the Auto Craft Shop) can get you through this job.

Ok, engine's good, let's do a walk-about around the car. Do all the lights work? And how about those tires? Rule of thumb, if you take a penny, stick it in the threads, and the top of President Lincoln's entire head shows, new tires are required. Don't cheat; blowouts at 70 miles per hour are ugly! And check for proper air pressure while you're down there. See the owner's manual or sticker on the doorframe; usually the



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# NEWS

## Tips, tricks to avoid traffic frustrations

by **Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Haertsch**  
16th Security Forces Squadron

With the increased Force Protection level at Hurlburt Field due to the tragic events of September 11th, some traffic delays entering the gates are unavoidable.

Members of the 16th Security Forces Squadron are working to minimize the effect to the base.

Numerous knowledgeable traffic experts have been consulted and a variety of solutions have been tried. The Air Force Special Operations Command chief has even been out at the main gate checking identifications to help speed things along.

There are things people can do to help get into the base as fast as possible:

○Have proper identification out and in-hand. ID should be taken out of wallets and plastic holders.

○Look to gate sentries for direction and readily obey their commands.

○Have military vehicle decals properly



Photos by Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Haertsch

positioned and up to date. Worn out, difficult to read decals should be replaced.

(above) Senior Master Sgt. Ron Plenge, 919th Security Forces Squadron at Duke Field, monitors traffic flow into the main gate here. (right) Morning traffic on U.S. Highway 98 outside the front gate stretches as far as the eye can see.



○Don't block intersections. It's not only a violation of the Florida Vehicle Code and Air Force regulation, it compounds an already bad situation. Vehicles that have a green traffic signal should wait until there's an opening before proceeding. Don't assume the traffic will continue to flow before the signal changes again.

○If possible, avoid entering the base between 6 and 8 a.m. during the duty week.

The goal of the 16th SFS is to provide the best possible shield against terrorism for Hurlburt Field.

Remember that force protection is everyone's business. For more information, call 884-5178.

## Spotlight on ...



**LaVosha Davis**

**Name:** LaVosha Davis

**Rank/Duty Title:** Airman/customer service representative

**Organization:** 16th Mission Support Squadron

**Hometown:** Norcross, Ga.

**Hobbies:** Playing sports, working out, shopping, creating new fashions and spending time with family

**Contribution to the mission:**

As an Emergency Data Card Program manager, Airman Davis inherited and revamped a virtually neglected program, and created a detailed continuity book within Air Force standards.

She ensured 100 percent base-wide contact of all members to review their records for accuracy. This directly improved the effectiveness of Hurlburt Field's casualty service program and records database.

Airman Davis carefully prepared programs for a Staff Assistance Visit, after which the inspector noted as exceptional and flawless.

*(Editor's Note: The COMMANDO highlights airmen, junior NCOs, company grade officers, Department of Defense civilians and volunteers in units who do a great job. Supervisors can call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-7464 for more information on nominating an individual for the "Spotlight on..." column.)*

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### Wage Grade Civilian

**Theodore Johnson** is chief of the inspection section for the 16th Supply Squadron. Mr. Johnson processed more than 4,000 line items of residual MH-53 Pave Low service life extended program parts worth \$125,000. His efforts increased the stockage availability, reduced the need for requisitioning and enhanced wing readiness.

### First Sergeant

**Master Sgt. Kevin Roberts** is the 16th

Mission Support Squadron first sergeant. Sergeant Roberts is the board president for the Lance P. Sijan award, which recognizes superior leadership and actions of Air Force members. He handles all logistics and coordinates the wing NCO Induction Ceremony.

### Senior NCO

**Master Sgt. Jan Bunting** is the superintendent of material management with the 16th Supply Squadron. Sergeant Bunting managed 43 mobility and bench stock accounts with 12,000 line items valued at \$2 million. Through report of survey investigations, Sergeant Bunting resolved six assets and saved \$1.4 million in inventory adjustments.

### NCO

**Staff Sgt. Sandra Pfingston** is the isochronal floor supervisor for the 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron. Sergeant Pfingston's aircraft knowledge and mechanical abilities allowed her to discover a pitch-lock problem with the engine of an AC-130 gunship during a post-inspection check.

### Airman

**Senior Airman Phillip State** is a direct support operator for the 25th Intelligence Operations Squadron. Airman State was hand-picked to become the first French DSO in the Air Force ever qualified on the AC-130H Spectre gunship.

# AIR FORCE NEWS



Photo by Senior Airman Matthew Hannen

## Line 'em up, move 'em out

**OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM** – C-17 Globemaster III aircraft refuel and drop off supplies at a deployed location in support of Operation Enduring Freedom recently. Sixty C-17s flew in and out during a 12-hour period. (AFPN)

## AF releases T-38 accident findings

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** – Air Force officials have completed their investigation into the Aug. 24 T-38 Talon accident near Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, that resulted in the death of an Italian aviator.

In the incident, two T-38s collided in flight and crashed about 59 miles west of Sheppard AFB. A student pilot flying solo sustained fatal injuries during the midair collision. The other crew, a student pilot and instructor pilot, successfully ejected from their aircraft.

All three aviators were from the Italian air force and were assigned to Sheppard AFB as members of the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training program. They were fly-

ing a formation-training mission at the time of the crash. Sheppard AFB trains pilots from 13 countries in the Euro-NATO program.

During the training flight, the solo student pilot was leading a two-ship basic formation sortie to practice formation and rejoining maneuvers. During a maneuvering event, the two jets collided. The instructor pilot determined his aircraft was uncontrollable and ordered bailout. The solo pilot sustained injuries in the collision and could not attempt ejection.

Brig. Gen. Felix Dupre, executive officer for the supreme allied commander in Europe, led the accident investigation. (AFPN)

## President proclaims National Veterans Awareness Week

**F.E. WARREN AIR FORCE BASE, Wyo.** – At a time when Americans are preoccupied with the war on terrorism, President George Bush is urging the nation to learn from veterans who've faced past crises.

The president recently addressed a crowd of veterans and high school students to announce a "Lessons of Liberty" initiative designed to bring America's youngest generation in contact with past generations of veterans.

As part of the initiative, he signed a proclamation making Nov. 11, which is both Veterans Day and the two-month anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, the beginning of National Veterans Awareness Week.

Under the guidelines of the new initiative, schools are asked to invite veterans to speak about their experiences serving in the armed forces and about the importance of defending American ideals of liberty, freedom and democracy.

"In these difficult days here in America, I ask all of us, children and adults, to remember the valor and sacrifice of our veterans," President Bush said. "American veterans have extraordinary stories. We should listen to them."

For the past four years, Curtis Cameron and a group of fellow veterans have made a habit of visiting elementary and high school students in Fort Collins, Colo., to share their stories. Mr. Cameron, a member of the 95th Squadron of the 440th Troop Carrier Group during World War II, was responsible for rebuilding combat gliders that made it through some of the most perilous battles of World War II, including the Normandy invasion.

"A lot of kids want to know if we ever killed somebody, but we don't talk about things like that," Mr. Cameron said. "We have better memories to talk about."

Mostly he and his buddies try to encourage the students by talking about the importance of patriotism or by teaching proper flag etiquette. Besides his local school visits, Mr. Cameron helps the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans organize military funerals in the Fort Collins area. In any given month, the group dedicates about 200 hours and 800 miles of driving to ensure veterans receive proper military funerals.

A modest man, Mr. Cameron doesn't feel that volunteering his time to the local schools and groups like the American Legion and VFW is anything remarkable.

"It didn't matter if you were serving overseas or in the states, we were all doing our job," he said. "I feel the same about it now."

He said he hopes the recent terrorist attacks don't cause the younger generation to confuse the meaning of Veterans Day with Memorial Day.

"Veterans want to eat breakfast, play games, talk with the boys about old times and have fun," he said. "Veterans Day isn't supposed to be a time of mourning. It should be a celebration. Gun salutes and 'Taps' is for Memorial Day."

President Bush closed his speech to high school students and veterans like Curtis Cameron by saying, "American veterans preserved our world and freedom, and we should honor them. American veterans show us the meaning of sacrifice and citizenship, and we should learn from them. Americans should always honor our veterans. At this moment, we especially need the example of their character."

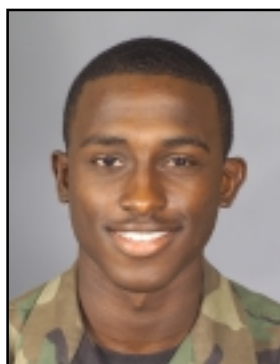
Anyone interested in getting involved with the Lessons of Liberty initiative should contact the Department of Veterans Affairs. (AFPN)

## Look who's talking: Happy Thanksgiving! What are you thankful for this year?



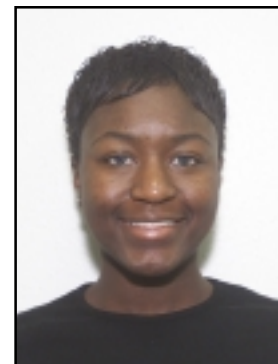
*"I'm thankful for family, friends, my nation and all the great instructors in the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron Advanced Skills Training program – and Krispy Kreme donuts!"*

**First Lt.  
Paul "Bubby" Brister**  
23rd STS



*"I'm grateful for being a citizen and airman of the greatest nation in the world. When our foundation is tested, our honor stands strong."*

**Airman 1st Class  
LaKeith Manson**  
16th Equipment  
Maintenance Squadron



*"I'm most thankful for my mother, for giving me life and setting an example for being a strong woman."*

**Airman  
LaVosha Davis**  
16th Mission  
Support Squadron



# Navajo code talkers played vital role in WWII

by **Sandy North**  
Hurlburt Field Native American  
Heritage Committee

From 1942 to 1945, the Pacific theater was the scene of countless bloody battles as the Marines slowly recaptured the islands that had fallen under Japanese control.

Fighting as Marines – and fully responsible for the security of their communication code – were more than 400 men of the Navajo Nation: the code talkers.

These men served in all six Marine divisions, raider battalions and parachute units. They came from across the Navajo Reservation, some as young as fifteen, to answer the call of their country.

The code talkers were born of wartime necessity. The Marines already faced nearly insurmountable odds: brutal terrain and a well-entrenched enemy. But possibly the worst obstacle they had to overcome was in the security of their radio communications. The Japanese had successfully broken ev-

ery communication code devised by the Marines, placing the lives of thousands of U.S. soldiers in constant jeopardy.

In 1942, with the breach in communication security weighing heavily on the American command, Philip Johnston resurrected a brilliant idea from World War I – the use of Native American languages to encode messages.

Mr. Johnston, the son of a missionary, grew up on the Navajo Reservation and spoke their language fluently. He was also a veteran of WWI and knew of the Army's use of Choctaw men to encode wartime military messages. Johnston believed that the Navajo language could be used to provide the same service. He set upon a campaign to bring the words of the great Navajo Nation to the aid of the United States Marines.

With complicated syntax, multiple dialects and no written alphabet, Navajo provided a perfectly indecipherable code for military communications – the hard part came in convincing military commanders of this. It was difficult for skeptical officers to

conceive of exchanging sensitive information without any form of masking or encoding. They couldn't envision two soldiers openly speaking to one another without worry of having their conversation overheard by enemy ears.

To allay their concerns and prove the effectiveness of transmitting via Navajo, Mr. Johnston set up communication demonstrations under mock combat conditions for Pacific Fleet commanders.

The results were astoundingly impressive. In 20 seconds, the Navajo men encoded, transmitted and decoded a message that would normally take 30 minutes using the machinery of the times.

The U.S. government was sold on the idea, and the Marines recruited the first Navajos in 1942. They developed a dictionary and assigned certain Navajo words to represent military terms (i.e., the Navajo word for "turtle" was used as a substitute for "tank"). All subsequent Navajo recruits used this standardized code.

By the end of the war, the number of code

talkers had swelled to over 400. At every Marine assault from 1942 to 1945, they were there; however, it would be decades before the contributions of these few hundred men would be publicly acknowledged by the United States.

The continued value of their code and the desire by the government to keep it classified delayed the recognition of their significant accomplishments. The Navajo Code Talkers are now widely credited with being instrumental in the retaking of the Pacific.

It's ironic to think that the Navajo language, the use of which had been previously discouraged by the federal government, helped shorten the duration of the war in the Pacific and save the lives of thousands of Marines. The tenacious desire of the Navajo people to maintain their native culture and language paid off for all Americans.

*(Editor's note: Information for this article was compiled from, "The Navajo Code talkers," by Doris Paul, [www.expecpc.com](http://www.expecpc.com); and [www.thepeoplespast.net](http://www.thepeoplespast.net).)*

# Son of Special Ops hero visits base

by **Tech. Sgt. Ginger Schreitmue**  
*AFSOC Public Affairs*

The son of the only Air Force enlisted Special Operator to earn the Medal of Honor visited here Nov. 6 to recognize the efforts of a command actively engaged in supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

John Levitow Jr. and his wife, Lucy, visited the Hurlburt Field Air Park to offer words of encouragement and appreciation to the Air Force Special Operations Command men and women.

"The Air Force, and especially AFSOC, is an important part of our family," said Mr. Levitow. "We

just wanted to let you know our thoughts and prayers are with you during these times."

His father earned the nation's highest honors while serving as a loadmaster with the 3rd Special Operations Squadron in Vietnam. Airman 1st Class John Levitow was flying on board an AC-47 "Puff the Magic Dragon" Gunship when his heroic actions earned him the Medal of Honor.

Watching the heroes at "Ground Zero," Mr. Levitow said it was important the nation applauds the firefighters and emergency crews in New York and Washington, D.C. But, he said America shouldn't forget the real heroes.

"My dad was part of a wonderful team in the Air Force, a team that gets up every day and puts on a uniform. The military is always there, has always been there, protecting our nation and doing great things for our country," he said.

During his visit to Hurlburt Field, Mr. Levitow toured the Air Park, pausing in front of a memorial plaque to his father, which stands guard over an AC-47 on display.

"The best part about seeing this Gunship is knowing the people behind it," Mr. Levitow

said to the members of the 4th and 16th Special Operations squadrons who attended the Air Park tour. "AFSOC is a phenomenal group of people, doing great things for our nation every day. You should all be proud."

The visit here came just days away from the anniversary of his father's death. His father passed away Nov. 8, 2000.

Also attending the tour, the AFSOC command chief said it was the legacy, pride and professionalism of people such as Airman Levitow that set the foundation of AFSOC's heritage.

"We don't pay our people more or feed them better than the rest of the Air Force. It's people who truly be-

lieve in selfless dedication, who believe in our country and carrying on the traditions in the shadow of Air Commandos and heroes such as Airman John Levitow, that make this command great," said Chief Master Sgt. Bob Martens. "Every day, around the world, AFSOC people are upholding the heritage. They're ordinary people doing extraordinary things every day. We're proud to have the Levitow family as part of our family."

Mr. Levitow says he has taken up his father's role in promoting education in the enlisted force.

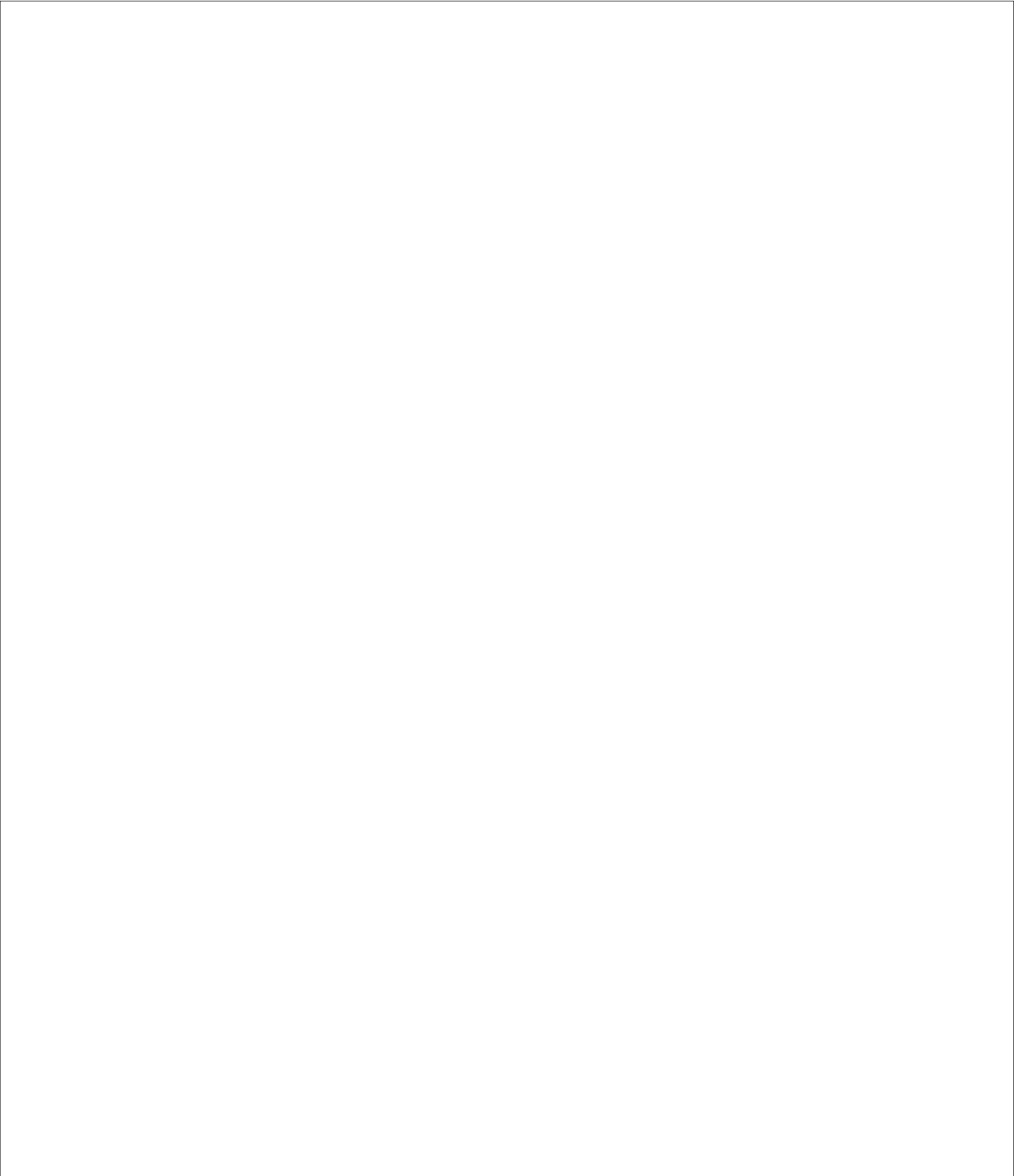
"My father was best known for 10 minutes of time over the skies in Southeast Asia," said Mr. Levitow. "But, he was more than that. He lived his life as a strong supporter and advocate for the enlisted family. I want to pick up where my dad left off, and give back to my country and the enlisted family."

The highest award earned during enlisted professional military education courses is the John Levitow Award.

After separating from the Air Force, John Levitow went on to work in the Department of Veterans Affairs, at the federal and state level.



**John Levitow Jr.**



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pressure should be 32 pounds per square inch and for trucks and vans 34 to 36 psi.

And don't forget to check the air pressure on that usually forgotten spare. If you're traveling to the northern tier, like Montana, think snow tires – at least on the drive wheels. Chains are an option but difficult to use, and guaranteed to break a long nurtured fingernail.

Now check the windshield wipers, does the edge towards the windshield feel rough? If so, get new ones – they're not expensive. If your battery's been acting up, now's the time to get a new one. Batteries prefer winter to die.

And how are your brakes? A pull to one side will equal to a skid in inclement, especially icy weather. Exhaust is a little harder to check, but leaks can be disastrous. Carbon monoxide entering the vehicle can make you sick – or worse. And know how to use your jack to change a blowout or have your auto club card along.

Munchies and games are good for children to avoid the dreaded, "Are we there yet" syndrome.

Recently I learned it's good to have the PIN numbers along for your credit cards in case you need unexpected cash. Trips always cost more than you expect.

Now that you checked your car and packed the essentials, let's talk about the trip.

First, let someone know where you're going and when you'll be back. Leave phone numbers of where you'll be. Plan your route – file a flight plan, so to speak, including someone in your spouse's unit, like their first sergeant. Shirts are good for stuff like that, and they care about your safety.

Start with a good night's rest. All too many accidents happen when drivers get drowsy. Hourly breaks are suggested, and avoid driving more than eight hours in a day. Start looking for a motel before the sun has set.

If driving in snowy weather, clean your windshield and lights when you get gas – or more often.

And while we're at it, crime never takes a holiday. Karen Pinkley, from the auto craft center, says dress down, avoid lots of jewelry and don't flash a lot of cash. When getting gas after dark, choose a well-lighted gas station, and start looking when the tank is on half.

Your chances of a safe arrival are excellent if you follow these simple but important rules. I always liked to take duct tape to control the kids, but that's frowned upon by child development experts in our squadron. So, we wish you a great trip and a most excellent holiday. See you when you get back!

***Airmen Against Drunk Driving***



**(AADD)**

***Call: 971-3134 FREE ride***

**Hurlburt Field Airman's Council**



# Look who’s new in pink in blue



## Girls

**Rachel Alaine**, born Sept. 5, to Airman 1st Class Patrick and Brandy Garrison, 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron  
**Baylee Elisabeth**, born Sept. 26, to Senior Airman Adam and Staff Sgt. Sarah Nichols, 16th Mission Support Squadron  
**Lydia Elizabeth Grace**, born Oct. 10, to Staff Sgt. Michael and Leslie Donnelly, 16th Operations Support Squadron  
**Ambria Dawn**, born Oct. 19, to 2nd Lt.s

Kelly Brekke and Ursula Holland, 16th Communications Squadron  
**Kandice Vanessa**, born Oct. 20, to Airman Joseph and Laura McTaggart, 16 Services Squadron  
**Katherine**, born Oct 21, to Capt. Tom and Melanie Houle, Air Force Office of Test and Evaluation Center  
**Kassidy Rae**, born Oct. 25, to Maj. Don and Jami Richardson, Air Force Special Operations Command

## Boys

**Tyler Eric**, born Sept. 29, to Capt. Eric and Shannon Wright, 16th Special Operations Squadron  
**Jared Matthew**, born Oct. 2, to Staff Sgt. Robert and Cheryl Basch, 334th Training Squadron  
**David Preston**, born Oct. 14, to Staff Sgt. David and Dawn Taylor, 6th Special Operations Squadron

**Jacob William**, born Oct. 21, to Senior Airman Jayson Altmiller, 16th Aircraft Generation Squadron and Senior Airman Christina Sullivan, 18th Flight Test Squadron  
**Austin Lawrence**, born Oct. 22, to Senior Airman Joseph and Brandie Lunger, 919th Special Operations Wing  
**Joshua Lee**, born Oct. 29, to Staff Sgt. Jason and Nikki Bucy, 16th Helicopter Generation Squadron

Thanksgiving holiday hours		
Facility	Thursday (Thanksgiving holiday)	Friday (down day)
Child Development Center	Closed	6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Gator Lakes Golf Course	6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.	6:30 a.m. to dusk
Hurlburt Lanes Bowling Center	Closed	9 a.m. to 11 p.m.
J.R. Rockers Sports Café	Closed	5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Library	Closed	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Main Fitness Center	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Marina	Closed	9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Outdoor Recreation Center	Closed	9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Reef Dining Facility	Breakfast 6 to 8 a.m./Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m./Dinner 4 to 6:30 p.m.	Brunch 6 a.m. to 1 p.m./Dinner 4 to 6:30 p.m.
The Soundside club	Buffet 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Reservation only)	8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Spare Time Grill	Closed	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Teen Center	Closed	2 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Youth Center Open Recreation	Closed	5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Main exchange	Closed	6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Autopride	Closes at 3 p.m.	Reopens at 6 a.m.
<b>Closed both days are:</b> The Skills Development Center, Oasis Café Dining Facility, paintball fields, Community Center, Velocity Subs, Commando Fitness Center, mini mall facilities and Information, Tickets, and Travel		

## FEATURE

# Legal eagles get Special Ops tour

by Staff Sgt. Andre Nicholson  
Public Affairs

Who could better address 35 lawyers gathered in a conference room, than Col. Howard Donaldson, U.S. Special Operations Command, joint staff judge advocate.

The lawyers, who're students at the judge advocate squadron officer's course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., were given a tour of Hurlburt Field, Special Ops style.

The day started with welcome briefings by Col. Dwight Creasy, Air Force Special Operations Command, staff judge advocate and Colonel Donaldson. One of several points Colonel Donaldson shared with the students is that an important part of their jobs as Air Force lawyers is to get information out to the unit commanders.

"It's important that people are prepared for deployments if and when they occur," he said. "They must have those important documents ready so the family members left behind don't have to worry."

Col. James Cox, 16th Support Group commander, also addressed the students about his tenure as a three-time unit commander.

"Commanders are looking for a range of options, the minimum to the maximum," he said. "Commanders rely on the legal staff to provide guidance, which keeps the commander out of trouble."

After the morning briefings, the students had a full day of activities. Several organizations such as the 16th Component Repair Squadron, 16th Special Operations Squadron and the 16th Security Forces Squadron participated.

One of the first stops was a visit to the Air Park and a history briefing by Dr. John Dabrowski, 16th Special Operations Wing historian.

Doctor Dabrowski took the students on a complete chronological tour of the park.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Andre Nicholson

Dr. John Dabrowski, 16th Special Operations Wing historian, gives the lawyers a tour of the Air Park.

"The Air Park was established in 1970 by retired Lt. Gen. Leroy Manor and the first aircraft placed in the park was the A-B26 Invader," he explained to the students as he walked with them around the aircraft.

After a tour of the Air Park, the students were

1st Lt. Christie Kissner, JASOC student, is shown how to properly wear the life support equipment that flight crews use by Tech. Sgt. John Wojtowicz, 16th Operations Support Squadron.



# Special OPERATORS

Congratulations to the following Community College of the Air Force graduates.

**Air Mobility Warfare Center**  
Master Sgt. Daniel Pello  
**Air Force Special Operations Command**

Senior Master Sgts. David Boseman and Wayne White; Master Sgts. James Gober, Michael Goodwin, Cory Harris, Steven Hettinger, Rose Reyes and William Terry; Tech. Sgt. Travis Williams; Staff Sgt. Mary Zimmer and Senior Airman Jeffrey Moses

**16th Special Operations Wing**

Master Sgt. Thomas Woollard and Tech. Sgt. Timothy Kenna

**16th Comptroller Squadron**  
Staff Sgt. Theresa Lester

**16th Aircraft Generation Squadron**

Master Sgts. Paul Beyer and Robert Brown; Staff Sgts. Mark Hall and Dorian Woodliff; and Senior Airmen Kevin Kolb, Brian Palumbo and Amanda Zorij

**16th Component Repair Squadron**

Tech. Sgts. Thomas Peters, Ronald Specker and Jeffery Versteeg; Staff Sgt. Paul Stewart; Senior Airmen Daniel Bustillos, David Garton, Scott Hensley, Maurice Thompson, Dackery Patterson and Curtis Wuerflein; and Airmen 1st Class Daniel Duran, John Pristell and Trevor Wallace

**16th Contracting Squadron**  
Tech. Sgt. Gary Hall

**16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron**

Tech. Sgt. John Ratliff; Staff Sgts. William Glynn, Derrick McLamore and David Murphy; and Senior Airman Gregory Lathinghouse

**16th Logistics Support Squadron**

Master Sgt. Lanier Gray and Staff Sgt. Roderick Nettles

**16th Supply Squadron**

Staff Sgt. Josue Guzman and Senior Airmen Somporn Gallagher and Rachel Jackson

**16th Transportation Squadron**

Master Sgt. Billy Gibson, Tech. Sgt. Gregory Rothwell and Staff Sgts. Timothy Ramsey and Andrew Rich

**16th Medical Group**

Senior Master Sgt. Charles Jones; Master Sgt. John Brinkley; and Senior Airmen Tanteria Carroll and Brian Hockersmith

**16th Medical Operations Squadron**

Master Sgt. Stephanie Scott; Tech. Sgt. Bryc Spainhour; and Senior Airman Lenita Robinson

**16th Operations Group**

Tech. Sgt. Robert Carreiro; and Staff Sgt. Keith Bailey

**4th Special Operations Squadron**

Master Sgts. Jeffrey Irby, Jeffrey King and James Williams; Tech. Sgts. Jon Ellyson, Sean Medsker, Ramon Rodriguez, William Turner and Michael Wortman and Staff Sgt. Graeme McInnes

**15th Special Operations Squadron**

Staff Sgt. Matthew Tull

**16th Operations Support Squadron**

Master Sgt. Paul Williams; and Staff Sgt. William Slaybaugh

**16th Special Operations Squadron**

Master Sgt. David Sampson and Staff Sgt. Kenneth Moerscher

**19th Special Operations Squadron**

Master Sgts. Thomas Duley and Brian Kelso and Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Fogle

**20th Special Operations Squadron**

Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Thurman; Master Sgts. Wayne Lopez and Terry Shaw; and Staff Sgts. Nathan Brownhill and Christopher Dalton

**16th Civil Engineer Squadron**

Master Sgt. Izell Bowick, Staff Sgt. Kendall Mills and Senior Airman Kim Nickson

**16th Communications Squadron**

Master Sgts. Richard Appleton and Robert Newton; Tech. Sgts. Richard Kepple and Charlie Newkirk and Staff Sgt. Ransom Tyndall

**16th Mission Support Squadron**

Tech. Sgt. Michael Williams; and Staff Sgt. Tanya Stevens

**16th Security Forces Squadron**

Master Sgt. Jeffrey Emel and Staff Sgt. Raymond Barnard

**16th Services Squadron**

Staff Sgt. Carol Dorman

**334th Training Squadron, Detachment 1**

Tech. Sgts. George Alie and Bruce Hunter; Staff Sgts. Robert Basch, Kenneth Ladd, Richard Setlock and Adam Vizi; and Senior Airmen Casey Fiscus and Charles Martin

**18th Flight Test Squadron**

Master Sgt. Wilbert Murphy, Tech. Sgt. David Tobias and Staff Sgt. Timothy Williams

**23rd Special Tactics Squadron**

Staff Sgts. Reada Bailey and Wayne Blom

**25th Intelligence Operations Squadron**

Tech. Sgt. Mark Adams

**39th Intelligence Operations Squadron**

Master Sgt. Timothy Autry and Staff Sgts. Thomas Evitts, Renee Harden and Janet Simpson

**373rd Training Squadron, Detachment 7**

Tech. Sgts. Deborah Berry, Timothy Espinoza and Timothy Lawson; and Staff Sgts. John Gardner, Victor McNair, Michael Shawver, Jeffrey Sheaffer and Andrew Webster

**505th Systems Squadron**

Senior Master Sgt. Charles Hawkins, Master Sgt. Daniel Brown and Tech. Sgt. Jessica Miller

**720th Special Tactics Group**

Master Sgts. John Farris, Jose Fuentes, Geoffrey Hitchcock, Henry Hutton, Ronald Kellerman, John Mendoza and Patrick Oneal; and Staff Sgt. Ronald Thompson

**823rd RED HORSE Squadron**

Tech. Sgt. Rod Ebner and Staff Sgt. Corey Lockhart





# LIFESTYLE

## Military

### CGOC meeting

The Company Grade Officer's Council meets today at 3:30 p.m. in the J.R. Rockers Daytona room. Members will discuss community service and professional development. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Matt Heintzelman at 884-2729.

### TMO closes

Transportation Management Office, personal property, passenger and freight services will be minimum manned at noon, today. Thursday it closes for Thanksgiving Day and Nov. 23 for a wing down day. For emergency TMO services on Thursday and Nov. 23, call the wing operations center at 884-8100 or vehicle dispatch at 884-7223.

### Flight medicine

The 16th Medical Group is opening up appointments for all female active duty and family members, who're enrolled in TRICARE Prime and empanelled to the flight medicine clinic. Annual female examination appointments are available Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. A women's health care nurse practitioner will be available Dec. 12, 13 and 14 from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. to provide annual health exams. Female enrollees should call central appointments at 884-7882, to schedule the clinical preventative service.

## Community

### Christmas Wish 2001

The 16th Special Operations Squadron is the lead unit this year for Operation "Christmas Wish 2001," a humanitarian mission to orphanages in Honduras. The operation is a combined effort of the Air Commando Association and the McCoskrie Threshold Foundation, based out of Fort Walton Beach, the 15th and 16th SOS and the Hurlburt Field community. The squadrons will transport everything from canned food to toys and "Santa" to several orphanages before Christmas. The drop-off point for donated clothing, toys, school supplies, canned food, sneakers, candy and other items, is in the trailer at the base pool parking lot from now through Nov. 30. For questions or to volunteer, contact the 16th SOS executive officer at 884-4255.

### Family Eco Challenge

The youth center and outdoor recreation are hosting the first Family Eco-Challenge on the picnic grounds Saturday. This free non-competitive family event offers an opportunity to enjoy nature, encourage teamwork and strengthen family ties. Participants will hike a well-maintained nature trail, paddle canoes and kayaks, enjoy games, and be given a chance to shoot targets at the new paintball field. Register between 8 to 11 a.m. at the picnic grounds. A drawing will be held at 4 p.m. for a chance to win Thanksgiving Day turkeys. Bring a change

of clothes, shoes, and some trail food and water. For more information, call 884-6355.

### Movie discount

In support of Hurlburt Fields's Thanksgiving Day food drive, anyone who attends the movie "Glitter" today and donates a canned good will receive \$1 off admission.

### Coats for children

The United Way and the Hurlburt Field community are collecting coats for children for Christmas until Nov. 28. Both children and adult sized coats are needed. There's a drop off point at the Family Support Center or call Shannon Skoula-Clark at 884-1533 or Chris Barber at 884-6899 to make arrangements for pick up.

### AFSA

The Hurlburt Field Chapter of the Air Force Sergeants Association holds a meeting Tuesday at 3 p.m. at J.R. Rockers. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bryan Osborne at 884-6844 or visit the Web site at: [www.afsa567.org](http://www.afsa567.org).

### Club decorations

The Eglin Officers' Spouses' Club needs volunteers to help decorate the Eglin Officers' Club for the holidays. There's a meeting Nov. 26 at 9:30 a.m. at the club. The decorations will be provided, but volunteers may need to bring tools to work with such as hammers and nails. Lunch will be served to all volunteers. For more information, call Jeanie Mihalik at 609-1089 or Debi Burns at 897-5764.

### Legal office hours

The legal office closes Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for an official function. For more information, call 884-7821.

### Suspicious packages

The following are things to do when dealing with suspicious packages that may contain anthrax:

- Don't shake or empty the contents of any suspicious envelope or package
- Place the envelope or package in a plastic bag or some other type of container to prevent leakage of contents
- If you don't have a container, cover the envelope or package with anything such as clothing, paper or a trash can, and don't remove the cover
- Leave the room and close the door or section off the area to prevent others from entering
- Isolate people who had direct contact with the package
- Evacuate the building as needed (don't leave the area until dismissed by the on-scene commander)
- Turn off the air conditioning or heating system on your way out of the room or building
- Wash your hands with soap and water to prevent spreading any powder to your face
- Report the incident to local police by dialing 911



### Hurlburt Field Chapel (884-7795)

#### Catholic Masses

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday, 7:30 and 10 a.m.  
Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request.  
Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday  
Protestant Services  
Sunday, 8:45 a.m. (praise & worship),  
11:15 a.m. (traditional),  
12:30 p.m. (Gospel)

Youth and Single Groups available

#### Jewish Services (882-2111)

Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel 1

Havdallah services: next-to-the-last Saturday of each month, 7 p.m., Chapel annex

#### Muslim Services (882-2111)

Jum'ah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.

Qur'an: Saturday, 6 p.m.

## At the movies



Prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

### Hurlburt Field (884-7648)

**Friday** - (PG-13) "Glitter," starring Mariah Carey and Max Beesley - Billie Frank overcomes a turbulent childhood and struggles to find her true family and her true voice. She's discovered by Julian Dice, a charismatic, irresistible "bad boy" deejay, who soon becomes her partner, producer and lover. With Dice, she begins an exciting but often volatile and precarious journey as she struggles through both her personal and professional life, riding the roller coaster to superstardom.

**Saturday** - (R) "Don't Say a Word," starring Michael Douglas and Brittany Murphy - Doctor Nathan Conrad is a noted adolescent psychiatrist and has been asked to take care of a new patient named Elisabeth Burrows, a catatonic, violent but angelic-looking 18-year-old girl. Little does Nathan suspect, Elisabeth is tied to a danger that's closed in on him and his family.

**Sunday** - (PG-13) "Hearts in Atlantis," starring Anthony Hopkins and Anton Yelchin - Bobby lives with his mother, a bitter, vain woman who looks for pleasures for herself without sharing much with her son. Into their lives comes a mysterious new boarder, who befriends the boy but generates distrust from the mother. As time passes, the man and boy share confidences and special powers are revealed. The man warns the boy to be on the lookout for the "lowmen," who were seeking him. The two share a summer's adventures and come to love one another before the inevitable happens.

### Eglin (882-1066)

**Friday and Sunday** - (PG-13) "Glass House," starring Lee Sobieski and Diane Lane - When Ruby and Rhett's parents are killed in a car crash, Erin and Terry Glass become guardians of them both. They're promised a world of opulence and California fun. Before long, Ruby suspects that Erin and Terry may not be the ideal guardians they seem to be.

**Saturday** - (PG) "Max Keeble's Big Move," starring Alex Linz and Larry Miller - Seventh grader Max Keeble is a good kid who only wants to fit in. Max's parents tell him that they're planning to move to Chicago. With the help of his two friends, he spends his last week at school getting revenge on his tormenters. When Max finds out he's not moving after all, he's left at the mercy of his victims, and must apologize for all the mayhem he's caused.

(Editor's note: Movies are subject to change. Telephone numbers are provided for patrons to confirm scheduled play dates.)

# LIFESTYLE

## Native American Heritage

The Native American Heritage Committee hosts a Pre-Thanksgiving dinner at J.R. Rockers Saturday at 5 p.m. There'll be traditional dancing, drumming, face painting and bracelet making to celebrate the Native American culture. Children 12 and younger eat free. For more information, call Michelle Reed at 884-6468.

## Spouses club

The Hurlburt Field Officer's Spouses' club holds a luncheon Nov. 20 at 8:30 a.m. at The Soundside club. Members of the organization will be decorating the club for the holiday season. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for all members. For more information, call 678-9375 or Danielle Wolf at 916-0963 for reservations.

## Thrift shop

The Eglin Air Force Base Thrift Shop needs volunteers. The hours are Monday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call Lynn Avery at 651-4725.

## Teen center

The new teen center located inside the community

center opens today at 6 p.m. Youth of the year for the past three years will be recognized along with people who helped design and paint the center. For more information, call 884-6355.

## Classes

### Babysitter course

Children 12 and older can sign up for the two-day babysitting class. The class teaches basic care, leadership, safety and first aid. The classes will be at the youth center today from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. To register, call the youth center at 884-6355.

### FSC

For more information on Family Support Center classes, call 884-5441.

**Sponsorship Training** – Monday, at 1 p.m.

**Resumé Workshop** – Monday, at 1 p.m.

**Moms, Pops and Tots** – Tuesday and Wednesday, at 10 a.m.

**Smooth Move** – Wednesday, at 1 p.m.

## No fat chance

The average American gains seven to 10 pounds of weight during the holiday season. The Health and Wellness Center can help prevent unwanted weight gain during the holiday season. The HAWC offers a "No Fat Chance" class Nov. 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the HAWC classroom A. The schedule includes: fitness strategies for a fit holiday, at 1 p.m., developing an eating plan for enjoying the holidays without unwanted weight gain, at 2 p.m., and learn how to transform traditional high calorie holiday recipes into delicious and healthful creations, at 2:30 p.m. For more information or to register for the class, call 884-4292. Space is limited.

## Sports

### Bowling

All youth bowlers can bowl for 50 cents per person, per game when lanes are available from Nov. 21 to 25. Shoe rental is \$1 a pair. For more information, call 884-6941.



# SPORTS



## *Hurlburt splits wins with Eglin*

by Staff Sgt.  
**William J. Seabrook Jr.**  
*Public Affairs*

The Hurlburt Field men's basketball team split games with Eglin Air Force Base at the main fitness center Saturday and Sunday.

The Commando's, led by Jarmel Bell's 26 points, won Saturday's game 72 to 68.

However, on Sunday the team simply didn't bring their "A" game to the court, according to their assistant coach Larry Harmon. The team was blown out 67 to 46.

"We looked good on Saturday, we were playing as a team and hitting our shots," said Harmon. "On Sunday, we just couldn't get it together. We were putting in our second string by half-time to get them playing experience because we knew it was a lost cause."

Even with the loss, the Commando's are still sporting an impressive 8-2 overall record. Their next game will be the weekend on Nov. 30 to Dec. 1 at Fort Benning, Ga.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Diane Thomas

(Above) Hurlburt's Reginald Jefferson, recovers the basketball from the Eglin Air Force Base Eagles.

(Top left) Hurlburt Field's Fairleigh Phillips, shoots over the heads of his Eglin AFB opponents in basketball action Saturday.

(Left) Jarmel Bell drives for the basket during the Commando's win in men's varsity basketball Saturday.